

P E M B R O K E R U R A L D I S T R I C T

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1952

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1952.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population, (Registrar General's Estimate) 1952
..... 6,235.....

	<u>Pembroke R.D.</u> <u>1952</u>	<u>Pembroke R.D.</u> <u>1951</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)	16.8	17.4	16.4	15.3
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	11.7	14.4	11.68	11.3
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	33.1	28.5	25.04	27.6

Causes of Death

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total (all causes)	44	29
Respiratory Tuberculosis	2	1
Cancer	5	2
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	4
Coronary disease, angina	5	6
Other heart disease	9	6
Other circulatory disease	2	1
Pneumonia	1	2
Bronchitis	1	-
Nephritis & nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	10	6
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	1	-

Both the Birth Rate and Death Rate are approximately the same as for the whole of Pembrokeshire, and slightly higher than for the whole of England and Wales. 52 of the deaths were of persons over the age of 70 years, including 28.7, over the age of 80 years. The most common cause of death was disease of the heart and circulation, which accounted for 39.7 of the total deaths.

The Infant Mortality Rate is higher than that for the last two years. There were four deaths of infants under 1 year, two due to intracranial haemorrhage, one due to prematurity and maternal toxæmia, and one due to broncho pneumonia.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Scarlet Fever	6	Measles	7	Whooping Cough	9
Pneumonia	5	Poliomyelitis	1		

The one case of Poliomyelitis notified was later found to be a case of Paratyphoid B. It occurred in a cadet in camp in the area, and was admitted to the West Wales Isolation Hospital, Tumble.

TUBERCULOSIS

Three cases of Tuberculosis were notified, all of them respiratory. One of these cases died during the year. One of the remaining two patients was admitted to Hospital, in addition to three patients notified previously.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County in the Autumn; but once again it was found impossible, both on technical and economic grounds, to visit the scattered villages of the rural area. School-children over the age of 11 years were X-rayed at the Pembroke and Tenby Centres. It was impossible to make separate records of residents of the rural area who attended the Pembroke and Tenby Centres, but particulars of the school children were obtained, as follows:-

Details of School-children examined

	Total Number X-rayed		Definite T.B.	Needing further observation for T.B.
	Boys	Girls		
Pwllcrochan	3	1	Nil	Nil
Lamphey	7	5	"	"
Stackpole	6	2	"	"
Hundleton	2	1	"	"
Angle	1	-	"	"
Cosheston	2	-	"	"
St. Florence	5	4	"	"
Redberth	4	6	"	"
New Hedges	2	6	"	"
Lawrenny	1	3	"	"
Hanorbier	-	5	"	"
Penally	-	3	"	"

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Records of vaccinations performed were received as follows:-

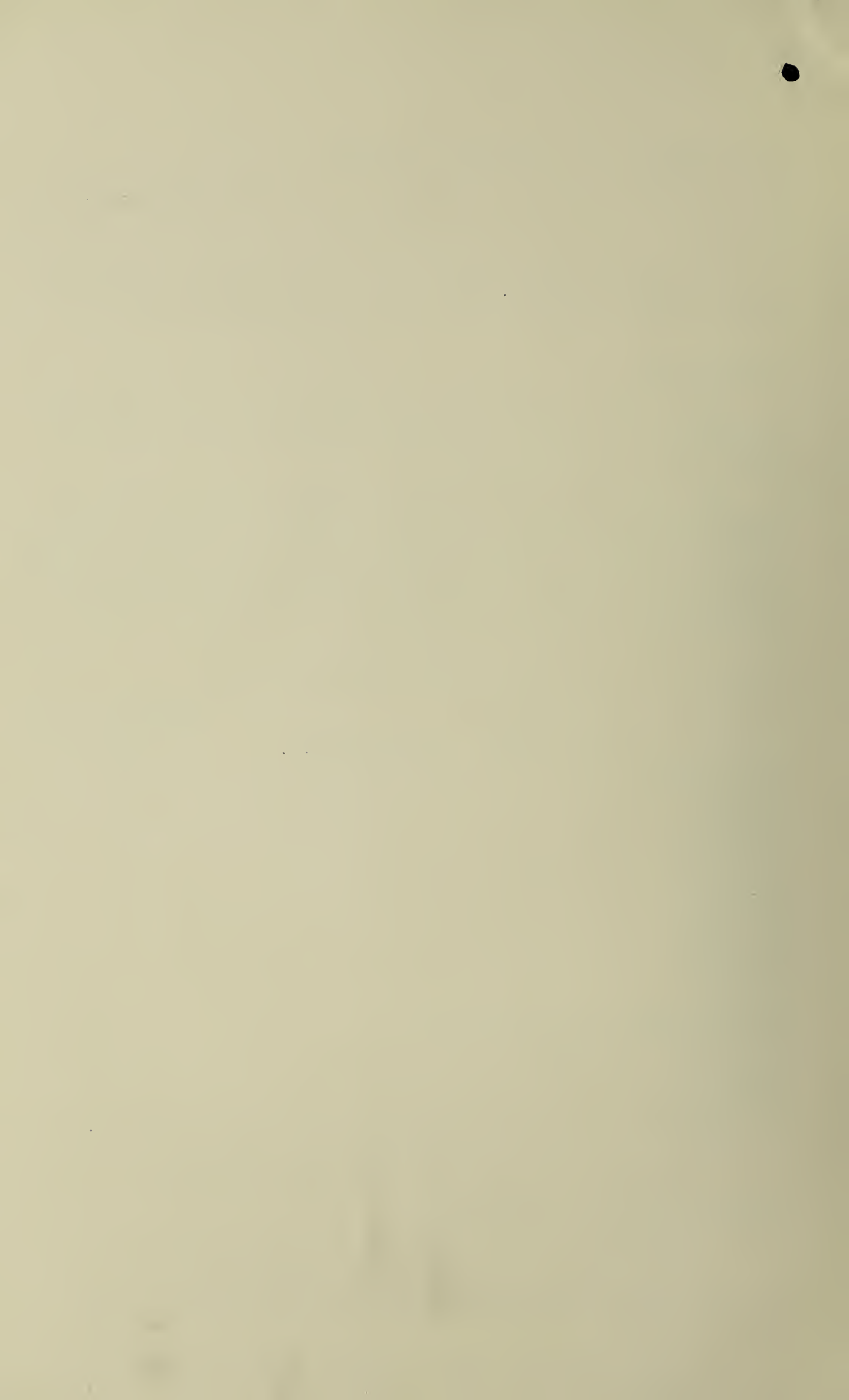
Primary Vaccinations 20 Secondary Vaccinations 9

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Primary Immunisations 33 Reinforcement Injections 25

Both Vaccination and Immunisation are carried out free of charge by local practitioners, and records are paid for by the County Council.

It appears that less than 25% of the babies born in the area are vaccinated, and only approximately a third of them are immunised against Diphtheria.



Both Smallpox and Diphtheria have become almost non-existent in rural areas; but if the level of vaccination and immunisation falls, as it is doing, these diseases can become prevalent again. It is, therefore, most important that parents should have their infants protected.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

Several cases of old people living alone were investigated, but no statutory action was found to be necessary. These old people are visited by the District Nurses, and where necessary, by the Welfare Officer.

WATER SUPPLY

The extensions of the Council's water-mains from St. Florence to Ivy Tower, Hodgeston to East Moor, and Redberth to Chapp were completed during the year.

Approval had been obtained for the extension of the Council's main from Hodgeston to Lamphey, to replace a very old pipe line which until recently was a privately-owned supply.

Details of the water supply are as follows :-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Houses Connected</u>	<u>Standpipes</u>
Angle	4	6
Bosherton	8	-
Carew	72	18
Castlemartin	28	4
Cosheston	33	4
Hodgeston	6	2
Hundleton	8	4
Lamphey	8	8
Manorbier	130	12
Nash	4	2
Penally	51	4
Redberth	6	2
Rhoscrowther	16	-
Stackpole	18	-
St. Florence	13	-
St. Tynmels	6	-
Tenby Out Liberty	65	4
Warren	5	1

SEWERAGE

The sewerage scheme at Milton was completed during the year, and the connection of properties was in progress.

Sewage disposal plants on Twelve housing sites were maintained by the emptying of sludge beds, and were functioning satisfactorily.

Number of pail closets converted to W.C.'s = 8

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The refuse bins placed in all the larger villages for the collection of incombustible articles are emptied and disinfected regularly. But many complaints are received of overflowing bins, because local residents fill them with combustible refuse; and it would appear that either more frequent emptying or the provision of more bins is necessary.

HOUSING

During the year 42 houses were completed, 33 by the Council and 9 by private arrangement.

The total number of houses built by the Council is as follows:-

Carew	22
Castlemartin	12
Cosheston	22
Hundleton	10
Hodgeston	2
Lamphey	10
Manorbier	30
Penally	26
Rhoscrowther	12
Stackpole	16
Tenby Out Liberty	8
St.Twynells	2
St.Florence	20

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

Dorothy M.Griffiths,

M.B.,B.S.,D.P.H.

Particulars of Sanitary Inspector's Work

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR 1952

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.)	62
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	38
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. (exclusive of those in previous column)	51
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	35

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 & 16

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	3
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners)	3

Public Health Acts.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	4
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners)	4

Housing Act, 1936, Sections 11 & 13

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	Nil

Housing Act, 1936. Section 12

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	Nil.
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HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	Not known
No. of families dwelling therein	Not known
No. of persons dwelling therein	Not known
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	1
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	3
No. of persons concerned in such cases	14

SANITARY INSPECTION

Particulars of work carried out during year 1952.

No. of complaints received		56
No. of defects or nuisances discovered		23
<u>No. of Premises visited</u> <u>Inspections</u>		250
Re-visits		93
<u>No. of Notices served</u>		
Preliminary:	Housing	25
	Other	41
Statutory:	Housing	Nil
	Other	Nil
<u>Summary Action</u>		
Summonses issued		Nil
Convictions Obtained		Nil

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER

No. of Registered Dairymen	25
No. of Inspections	Nil

Milk Samples

No. of samples taken for bacteriological examination: Nil

ICE-CREAM

There is one manufacturer of ice-cream in the area. This ice-cream is sold mainly in the Borough and samples were taken by the Borough Sanitary Inspector. No complaints of unsatisfactory samples were received.

CONDEMNED FOOD

It was found necessary to condemn :-

Butter	13 lbs.
Poultry	89 lbs.
Tinned Fruit	16 lbs.
Blance Mange	
Custard Powders	10 lbs.

RODENT CONTROL

One part-time operator was employed.

All the Local Authority's refuse bins and dumps were treated regularly, and surveys and treatment were carried out in villages when necessary.

No. of Local Authority cases dealt with during 1952	457
No. of private cases dealt with during 1952	21

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

Premises	No. on <u>Register</u>	Inspections <u> </u>	Written <u>Notices</u>	Occupiers <u>Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	4	11	2	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	4	9	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	26	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	13	46	2	Nil

H. B. Edwards,

Sanitary Inspector

